

# CHANGES IN RID

to enter into force on 1 January 2021

## Guidelines

*The new provisions of the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) shall enter into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2021<sup>1</sup>. The UIP Guidelines should facilitate the understanding of the changes that will be introduced in the new version of the RID. The following document focuses on topics relevant to operators, keepers and ECM of tank wagons. RID applies to the international carriage of dangerous goods by rail between the 44 existing RID Contracting States in Europe, Asia and North Africa. In the Member States of the European Union, RID applies to national and international transport.*

*After the last revision of ADR/RID entered into force in January 2019, further editorial topics had been dealt with throughout 2019. The discussion of more substantial topics having a real impact on the sector was scheduled for 2020. Among them are the following important topics for wagon keepers and ECMs:*

- *Dealing with inspection periods*
- *Harmonisation of certification and testing (also with regards to the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package)*
- *Handling of large tank containers (BTC)*

*However, the COVID-19 restrictions meant that most meetings had to be cancelled and it therefore was decided to incorporate in the 2021 ADR/RID revision only those amendments that already had been finally adopted in 2019. This means that the discussion of the important topics cited above will most likely be postponed until physical meetings are again possible with a view of including the results in the 2023 revision.*

*Nevertheless, the following two topics already included in the 2021 revision shall be pointed out:*

### Point 6.8.2.1.23 – Welding operations on tanks during maintenance and repair

- The inspection body shall verify and confirm the ability of the manufacturer or the maintenance or repair shop to perform welding operations and the operation of a weld quality assurance system
  - > The responsibility for testing and confirmation in the case of maintenance had already been transferred from the authority to the inspection body in the 2019 revision. The text has been further aligned so that now in both cases, construction and maintenance, the inspection body has been declared responsible.

> This is also in line with UIP's position and should eliminate diverging approaches taken by the different authorities on the subject in the future.

### Updated reference of standards for the design and construction of tanks

- EN 14025/2018 – Metallic pressure tanks - Design and construction
- EN 12972/2018 – Testing, inspection and marking of metallic tanks
  - > The latest standards are now being referenced (they had been published too late to be included in the 2019 revision).

<sup>1</sup> For further information on the notification of amendments to RID visit [http://otif.org/en/?page\\_id=594](http://otif.org/en/?page_id=594)